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1. MR. STORY'S PROPOSED TRIP WOULD BRING HIM TO CARACAS JUST AS THE NATIONALIZATIONS NEGOTIATIONS ARE ENTERING THEIR CRITICAL PHASE. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH EVEN WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES--OFFICIALS WHOSE TIME IS ALREADY OCCUPIED PROVIDING THE EXTENSIVE STAFF WORK NEEDED BY THE GOV NEGOTIATORS AND BY THE ORGANIZERS OF PETROVEN. FURTHER, THE VISIT OF A RANKING FEA OFFICIAL AT THAT PARTICULAR MOMENT IN THIS DELICATE PROCESS COULD BE SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION. IN PARTICULAR, THE PROPOSED CONTACTS WITH THE OIL COMPANIES HERE WOULD INEVITABLY CREATE AN IMPRESSION OF USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I AM REGRETTABLY UNABLE TO CONCUR IN MR. STORY'S PLANNED TRIP. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM HERE AT A LATER DATE AFTER THE NATIONALIZATION NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED.
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